Ensuring New Jobs Go to Los Angeles County Residents - Item 14

In Item 14, the Department of Health Services (DHS) seeks approval to extend the terms of agreement with Morrison Health Care, Inc. for dietary and concession services at various Los Angeles County health facilities until DHS can complete the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Los Angeles County has many neighborhoods with high rates of unemployment and substantial numbers of individuals with barriers to employment. This dietary concession RFP is ultimately worth approximately \$20 million a year and could create new jobs for unemployed Los Angeles County residents.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Interim Director of the
Department of Health Services (DHS), in consultation with County Counsel, to
report back on the viability of including a local worker hiring requirement as part
of the final proposed dietary services contract. This local worker hiring

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component would require that a significant portion of any employees hired under

the final contract be Los Angeles County residents, a portion of whom are

disadvantaged workers who are either low income, homeless, a custodial single

parent, receiving public assistance, lacking a high school diploma, a former

foster care or probation youth, or suffering chronic unemployment.

2. Instruct the CEO and Auditor-Controller to review the living wage rate to be paid

under the contract to ensure it has been appropriately adjusted to reflect the

rising cost of health care benefits, in compliance with Los Angeles County's

living wage ordinance.

3. Instruct the CEO and Interim Director of DHS to consult with the Director of the

Department of Public Health to ensure the dietary requirements within the final

contract promote healthy nutrition and comply with previously adopted Board

policies.

4. Instruct the CEO to report back to the Board in 30 days.

5. Approve Item 14 as amended.

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